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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 07/05/2002**

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1, line 1, please replace the title of the invention with the following:

B1 Multi-layer Gemstone

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Sub c1 14. (First-Amended) An ornamental stone, comprising:

B2 a body, said body comprising a natural or synthetic stone, said stone being